

ELKS' CONVENTION WILL BRING 1,500

State Association Meets Here
September 2 and 3 for
Annual Powwow.

MONTAGUE TO MAKE ADDRESS

Congressman and Mayor Ainslie
on Program for Opening Day.
Many Diversions.

Hard upon the large commercial and education meetings that have made Richmond their gathering place during the current year comes the seventh annual convention of the Virginia State Association of Elks, which will bring to this city on September 2 and 3 between 1,000 and 1,500 members of that order. Local committees have been at work for more than two weeks on preliminary plans for the gathering.

Richmond Lodge, No. 45, the largest in the State in point of membership, will be official host, and from its members are being recruited the dozen or more working committees that will have the housing and entertainment of the convention in charge. The program, which will be ready for the printers in the next day or two, provides business and diversion for every hour of the two-day convention—except, of course, a modest allowance for sleep.

Address by Montague.
The feature of the opening day will be an address by Congressman Andrew Jackson Montague. There will be speeches of welcome at the opening session by Mayor Ainslie and by Exalted Ruler Eugene Brauer, of Richmond Lodge, No. 45. There will be followed by responses from the visitors and later by the transaction of the official business, for which the annual meeting is called.

Virginia has twenty-one Elks' lodges scattered over the State, with a total membership of about 7,000. Fourteen of the lodges are members of the State association, and will send official delegations. Several of the smaller non-member lodges have notified the local committee in charge that they are making preparations to send representatives. Roanoke, Lynchburg, Norfolk, Danville and Newport News are planning to send large delegations.

Plan Many Diversions.
The program committee announces in advance that the round of diversions will be long and continuous. There will be automobile tours of the city and immediate suburbs, a cabaret show, a trip down the James on a specially chartered steamer, a ball, reception, and a dance in honor of the Elks. When it is considered that all these and more will be crowded into the business sessions into the compass of two short days, it is evident that the Elks will be led a merry chase.

Richmond Lodge, No. 45, is twenty-seven years old, and numbers in its membership of 600 men who are prominent in the city's commercial and professional life. The list of officers includes: Eugene Brauer, exalted ruler; William Perkins, president; William Grimmell, loyal knight; Thomas J. Leahy, lecturing knight; John T. Anderson, treasurer; W. R. Harwood, secretary; L. J. Schumann, filer; J. H. Stack, inner guard; P. E. Garrett, chaplain, and Joseph Rupp, organist.

Man Hit by Automobile.
It was reported to the police of the Third District yesterday that R. E. Dalton, of 2117 Everett Avenue, Oak Grove, had been run down by an automobile driven by Mrs. C. C. Clarke, of 812 Graham Road, Mr. Dalton's injuries, while painful, were not serious. The accident occurred yesterday morning on Petersburg Turnpike.

WRITING NEW PLAY
Friends of Mrs. Hennick Say It Is Her Masterpiece.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
The hot city of Washington, D. C., Studio House, Mrs. Barney Hennick, the fairy godmother of Washington society, is writing a new play.

Those fortunate enough to have an outline of the play, which may be her masterpiece. Like all Mrs. Hennick's recent writings, it is devoted to the uplift of woman and deals, it is said, with the success of women in world government after they have acquired the vote.

MERCURY SHOWS DESIRE TO CLIMB

Goes to 94, After Giving Richmond Week of Delightful Weather.

After everybody has begun to think that the real heat of the summer was away for good, Old High Temperature came back with a vengeance yesterday and touched 94 as the top mark of the day. When the official thermometer registered 94 at noon, and with that warm feeling in the air, experts figured that it might climb up to 95, but it stopped at 94, which was some hot. At 5 o'clock last night, however, it had dropped to 85, and later a cool little breeze drifted in and it was pleasant enough for anybody.

A glance at the weather map shows that high temperatures prevail in many quarters, particularly in Missouri and Oklahoma. Kansas City led the field, with an even 100, while Oklahoma came next, with 98. Washington, in third place, piled up enough mercury to scratch off 95, and even Atlantic City, with rain, got to 90, though the temperature there dropped to 72 at the evening reading.

The past week brought so much comfort, however, that people in Richmond who stayed at home have had little cause to complain. Just so long as relief comes at night there is not much about the day record, and the nights have been good enough.

SAVINGS BANK
RICHMOND
117 E. MAIN ST.
Get better acquainted with the plan of this week, and while doing so remember that the Savings Bank is the place to open an account. One dollar starts you.

LAST HEARING ON ANNEXATION PLAN

Committee Will Hear Suggestions at Final Meeting in Council Chamber.

PRESENT ORDINANCE SOON

Chairman Powers Believes Measure Will Be Ready for Next Council Meeting.

Annexation, for months the subject of a methodical campaign on the part of the Chamber of Commerce, and since last February the concern of a special joint committee appointed by the Council, will at 8 o'clock to-night be given its last public hearing. In anticipation of the large number that will want to be heard in the matter, the meeting of the special committee on annexation will be held in the Council chamber.

The plan as announced on July 31, when the committee tentatively ratified an annexation plan presented for the first time a week before by Councilman Mills is to lay on the table a statement of the proposed new boundary lines and invite the criticism of all interested persons. Property owners and real estate men whose interests are affected will be given a last chance to register their protest or approval.

The committee's schedule, arranged for convenience the Mills plan, proposes to add to the present incorporated area 163 square miles of new territory, of which less than one square mile is a river bed. The new territory has a population of 18,250, and a total acreage of 10,724. The combined present and real property value is in excess of \$12,000,000, and the total indebtedness of \$235,500, which must be assumed by the city when the territory is annexed.

Ready for September Council.
"Unless an unforeseen hitch occurs," said Chairman Powers, of the annexation committee, yesterday, the annexation ordinance will be ready for the monthly meeting of the Common Council on September 1. It will, of course, be impossible to frame an ordinance in time for next Tuesday night's meeting of the Aldermen since the committee's findings and recommendations will have to be sent to the city attorney to be drawn up into the ordinance in legal form. The accurate description of the boundary line is itself a task that will require considerable time.

In the face of reports that there will be numerous objections to the line temporarily adopted by the committee, the opinion prevails that the annexation ordinance will be presented to the Council will not suffer materially from the Mills plan. The latter was arrived at after much consultation with the seven committee members, five of whom monthly voted to support it as the plan which follows the line of least resistance.

Possible Minority Report.
At the showdown on the Mills plan July 31, Councilman Butler, who, with Councilman Butler, voted against its adoption, served notice that he reserved the right when the plan was presented to the Council to file a minority report. His declaration was made in the face of an appeal by Councilman Mills and others of the committee that the plan finally adopted by majority vote be given the Council's undivided support on the Council floor.

Where the committee splits is on the proposed western boundary. The Mills plan, supported by five committee members, places it just west of Montague Park, drawing a practically straight line north and south, between the Broad Street and Cary Street roads. Councilman Butler, however, favors moving the line about one mile east, about halfway between the Mills line and the present corporate limits. The committee is agreed on all other points.

Union Station Later.
The importance of the annexation meeting caused Chairman Disney, of the special committee on union station, to postpone the meeting of that committee, which was scheduled for the same evening. The union station controversy has ranked with annexation in popular interest, and has brought out fully as much public discussion. The committee will meet a few days at the call of the chairman to decide upon its report to the Council. It is probable that the union station and annexation reports will reach the Common Council at the same time.

The Subcommittee on Ordinances will meet at 5 o'clock this afternoon and will among other things pass upon the application of E. A. Saunders and Joseph Lassiter to build a large building on Broad Street at the corner of Lodge Street. An application for permission to erect a stable on Broad Street, made some months ago by another firm, aroused considerable opposition.

The Committee on Streets will hold its regular meeting at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The Board of Aldermen will meet in monthly session at 8 o'clock to-morrow night. Other Council meetings scheduled are: Board of Public Interest at 8 o'clock, Wednesday night, and Dock, River and Harbor at the same hour Thursday night.

FREE-FOR-ALL FIGHT

Negro Row in Alleged Gambling House Brings Police to Scene.

During a free-for-all fight in an alleged gambling house at 504 Goddin Street early yesterday morning, one negro was badly cut and a second slightly wounded. Police men Dunn, Whitlock and Crahan heard the disturbance and rushed to the place. They found Robert Williams, colored, stabbed and Edward McClure, suffering from a wound in the leg, which, he stated, was self-inflicted. McClure was sent to the Second Police Station. He was afterward removed to the City Jail Hospital for treatment. Williams was treated by Dr. J. M. Cofer, City Hospital ambulance surgeon.

For some time the police have been watching this house, run by McClure. It has been the source of many complaints. Aside from the gambling, or felonious, assaulting, McClure was charged with maintaining a gambling resort.

Jim Perry Has Sunday Excitement.
These are strenuous days for Jim Perry, colored, known to the South-side police as a "trap artist." Saturday afternoon, Perry and a bunch of fellows went to the great African pastime of rolling the ivory. Yesterday Perry was bumped over the head with a life-sized brick and later acted as a moving target for two shots that, fortunately, did not have operated on the outraged Perry.

EXPRESS RATES OUT OF RICHMOND

Government Order Makes Big Reduction Effective on October 15.

CHEAPER THAN PARCEL POST

In Many Instances Post-Office Department Exacts More Than Carriers.

Express rates out of Richmond will be largely affected by the order of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which is to take effect on October 15. There is an intimation from Washington in the press dispatches that the express companies will appeal to the courts, on the ground that the order is unconstitutional, in that it will cost them 14 per cent of their gross income, or \$26,000,000 a year. The new tariff for local rates out of this city have not been prepared by the Southern Express Company, but from Washington comes the revised schedule from Richmond to a number of points, far distant from here. In some instances the express charges are lower than the parcel post rates.

New Rates to Chicago.
From Richmond to Chicago, for example, the present express rate on a five-pound package is 75 cents, while the parcel post rate is 32 cents, while the same package by parcel post goes for 37 cents. The Chicago rate on a ten-pound express package is to be cut from 80 cents to 44 cents, the parcel post cost 72 cents. The Chicago rate on a fifty-pound package is to be reduced from \$2.50 to \$2.12.

The only available rates furnished this newspaper by the Interstate Commerce Commission are to Chicago, Spokane, Denver, Nashville, Tenn.; New Orleans, St. Louis, Duluth, Augusta, Maine; San Francisco and Jacksonville, Fla. The present rate from Richmond to Nashville, Jacksonville and St. Louis is the same, 70 cents, the proposed reduction being 32 cents to the St. Louis and Jacksonville, and 31 to St. Louis, while the parcel post rate on a five-pound package to Jacksonville is 32, the same as on express, 32 to Nashville and 37 to St. Louis.

Ten-Pound Packages.
On a ten-pound package the express company now charges \$1 to Jacksonville, 90 cents to St. Louis, and 80 cents to Nashville. The reduction to Jacksonville is 44 cents, to Nashville 32 cents, and to St. Louis 45 cents. The parcel post rate is the same points. The rates are quite hard to understand, for to Jacksonville it is 62 cents, to Nashville 62 cents, and to St. Louis 72 cents, while the old express rate to St. Louis was cheaper than the old rate to Jacksonville.

Richmond merchants have been anxious to get the new tariff, as it applies to local points in Virginia and the Carolinas and West Virginia, to which the parcel post rate is the same points. The rates are quite hard to understand, for to Jacksonville it is 62 cents, to Nashville 62 cents, and to St. Louis 72 cents, while the old express rate to St. Louis was cheaper than the old rate to Jacksonville.

Had No License to Sell Boozie.
William Mitchell, colored, was arrested yesterday by Patrolmen Akers and Smith on the charge of selling liquor without a license.

Woman Arrested for Stabbing.
Lillian Ramsey, colored, was arrested yesterday by Mounted Police men Smallwood on the charge of stabbing Ike Lewis on July 17.

SAUNDERS RETURNS HOME IN BAD SHAPE

Goes Immediately to Bed, and Reported Killing Is Not Explained.

Edgar Saunders, sixteen years old, who caused his parents, Sergeant and Mrs. John G. Saunders, of 210 East Thirteenth Street, South Richmond, untold anxiety Saturday night, when they received a telegram sent under an assumed name to a friend and that he had met death in Alexandria, reached home last night. Broken down by the realization of the shock, young Saunders was unable to offer any explanation, and on the advice of the family physician, his parents refrained from questioning him.

Young Saunders spent Saturday night at the home of an uncle in Alexandria. After the message was sent, he retired for the night, and it was on the morning of Sunday that he was found by the family physician. Before he reached there, Edgar caught the first train home.

The telegram which caused the trouble was addressed to Miss Estelle Riddell, of 315 South Cherry Street, and read as follows:

"Edgar killed at Alexandria. Ship body Sunday. Arrive Richmond 2:45 P. M. Notify his mother."

The message was signed "James Gill."

As was told in The Times-Dispatch yesterday morning, the Saunders family, while greatly alarmed, was inclined to believe that the message was a cruel hoax, especially after being informed that the Alexandria correspondent of this paper had been unable to verify the report of the death, and that the police of both Alexandria and Washington had denied it. The news of the supposed death had spread rapidly over the Southside, and the return of Edgar Saunders was hailed with a great sigh of relief.

Park Concerts.
Monday night—Libby Hill.
Tuesday night—Riverside.
Wednesday night—Washington.
Thursday night—Jefferson.
Friday night—Canton.
Saturday night—Byrd.

Better Acquaintance Week Is Here

And we wish to welcome every visitor who has honored this city with his presence during this time of good-will. Our institution represents the financial advantages Richmond has to offer in all lines of commerce and trade. We will take pleasure in having you call at our offices, and in showing you one of the largest, strongest and best equipped banks in the South. Each officer and employee will be in readiness to give any information you may desire.

We are situated in the most convenient part of the business district, on the corner of Main and Tenth Streets, opposite the post-office.

The American National Bank
Capital and Surplus\$1,600,000.00
Resources\$8,000,000.00

BRING BIG NEGRO CONVENTION HERE

Discuss Plans for Capturing National Negro Business League at Meeting To-Night.

MET BEFORE IN RICHMOND

Third Annual Convention Was Held Here, and Proved to Be Great Success.

With the idea of bringing the next annual convention of the National Negro Business League to this city, the promoters of the movement will meet to-night in the office of Giles B. Jackson, for the purpose of perfecting arrangements to send a delegation to the fourteenth annual convention which meets in Philadelphia on August 20. Mayor Ainslie and the Chamber of Commerce will be asked to unite in the invitation of the local members of the league.

The league, of which Booker T. Washington is president, is the largest negro organization in this country. It has a membership of several thousand of the most prominent professional and business men and women of its race. It was organized in Boston in 1900, and had as its first president Booker T. Washington, who still holds the leadership. Giles B. Jackson, a colored attorney, although he expects to retire, served in that capacity until he resigned to promote the Negro Department of the Jamestown Exposition.

Met Here Before.
Through the efforts of Vice-President Jackson, the third annual convention met in Richmond August 27, 1907. The league was only three years old, and the attendance of the best element of the negro race from nearly every State in the Union made the meeting a success far beyond the expectations of the promoters. Thousands of dollars were spent among the Richmond merchants, and many orders were given for the shipment of goods to territories which had never before patronized the local economy.

It is the belief of the backers of the movement that bringing the next convention to Richmond will mean a whole lot for the city, as the membership of Philadelphia has appropriated \$5,000 to help in the entertainment of the convention, which will meet in three-day session in that place this month. It is planned by the local members to hold a large reception at the convention and to carry off the honors by the methods that have succeeded in gaining so many others for this city.

CHILD SPONSOR TO NEVADA.
Ten-Year-Old Niece of Governor Is to Christen the Battleship.

Reno, Nev., August 10.—Eleanor Anne Siebert, ten years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Siebert, of this city, and a niece of Governor Odell, has been selected to act as sponsor at the launching of the battleship Nevada, now nearing completion at the Fore River works at Quincy, Mass.

Little Miss Siebert will break wine over the prow of the ship as she names it after her State about October 1. Her father, who is a mining engineer, and a niece of Governor Odell, has been selected to act as sponsor at the launching of the battleship Nevada, now nearing completion at the Fore River works at Quincy, Mass.

MILLION BIBLES ISSUED
Chinese Make Great Demands on American Bible Society During Past Year.

Nearly 1,000,000 Bibles and Testaments have been issued during the past six months by the China agency, according to figures received by the Richmond branch of the American Bible Society. To be exact, 955,416 of the "world's best seller" have been distributed, and two important stations are yet to be opened from this rate, it is expected that fully 2,000,000 Bibles will be placed in Chinese hands in the year 1913.

The agency's report adds: "Notwithstanding the sending out of this enormous number of the Scriptures, we are unable to supply all that are called for." The wars and rumors of wars appear to have no effect on the demand. Christianity now being firmly established and gaining ground each year.

Taken Ill on Car.
Taken suddenly ill on an interurban car, Andrew Brown, of Petersburg, was given medical attention yesterday afternoon by Dr. Cofer, of the City Hospital, on the arrival of the car at the South Richmond terminal of the line. Mr. Brown was taken to the home of his brother in Swansboro.

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GANS-RADY COMPANY

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PROTEST AGAINST LIQUOR

Dan River Baptist Association Opposes Sale at State Fair.

Another protest against the sale of liquor at the Virginia State Fair has been received in the shape of a set of resolutions unanimously passed by the Dan River Baptist Association, comprising twenty-nine churches and more than 5,000 members. The session was held at Winn's Creek Church, Halifax County, August 6 to 9, inclusive.

Not advocating a general boycott, the association advises the members of its churches not to patronize the fair while it continues to sell intoxicating liquor. That it is not only a moral and social evil, but a source of a most immoral and destructive institution, is the expression of the resolution.

The second section of the resolution declares that any member of the association who uses intoxicating liquor shall be considered guilty of an un-Christianlike conduct, and shall be called upon to account for it before his church.

MEETS HORRIBLE DEATH
Q. P. Davis Is Burned to Crisp Remains at Automobile.

Troy, Ala., August 10.—Q. P. Davis, of Elba, Ala., met a horrible death at a point between here and Montgomery early to-day, when he was pinned beneath the wreck of his automobile and burned to a crisp. Ham, Tom Crawley, Horace McBride and Alto Bullard, who were in the car with Davis, were forced to witness the tragedy; they were helpless to avert it. The car was running at a high speed when a tire burst, throwing it into a deep ditch. The machine turned turtle, and Davis was pinned beneath it. Gasoline from the tank was ignited by the old lamps and Davis's companions, who had been thrown clear of the wreck, were powerless to rescue him. Ham and Bullard received minor injuries. Davis' body was later taken to Montgomery and thence to Elba.

MANY ARRESTS MADE
Justice Crutchfield Will Face Big Docket in Police Court To-Day.

When Justice Crutchfield opens his court this morning he will face a docket of practically 100 cases. All of Saturday night and well into the hours of yesterday afternoon the police of all districts were kept busy bringing offenders to the station houses. Most of the offenses were of a trifling nature, though a few felony charges were made.

A large number of arrests were made for drunkenness, but most of these offenders were given their liberty when they became sober.

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